



House of Representatives

File No. 821

General Assembly

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(Reprint of File No. 355)

Substitute House Bill No. 5441
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 17, 2013

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN EMERGENCY RESPONSE
EMPLOYEES TO ENROLL IN THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT SYSTEM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (11) of section 7-425 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2013*):

4 (11) "Regional emergency telecommunications center" means [an]
5 any entity authorized by the Department of Emergency Services and
6 Public Protection as [the] a public safety answering point responsible
7 for the receipt and processing of 9-1-1 calls for at least three
8 municipalities.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following
sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	7-425(11)
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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 14 \$	FY 15 \$
Various Municipalities	STATE MANDATE - See Below	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill makes technical changes which allow regional emergency telecommunication center (RETC) employees to participate in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS). Participating municipalities will be required to contribute towards MERS for RETC employees enrolled in MERS. The amount of their contribution will be determined by the MERS actuary and based on various factors, including the salary and plan benefits for participating RETC MERS enrollees.¹

House "A" eliminated sections 2 through 5 in the underlying bill in their entirety and their associated fiscal impact. These sections established the Public Employee Health Plan through the Office of the State Comptroller and required municipalities to participate. In addition, section 5 prohibited health care from being collectively bargained.

¹ For employees covered by social security, the employer contribution is 11.79% and 16.65% of payroll for regular and hazardous duty employees respectively. For employees not covered by social security, the employer contribution is 13.00% and 16.01% of payroll for regular and hazardous duty employees respectively. (Source: July 1, 2012 MERS Actuarial Valuation)

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5441 (as amended by House "A")******AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN EMERGENCY RESPONSE EMPLOYEES TO ENROLL IN THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND CREATING A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows regional emergency telecommunications center employees to participate in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) if they work in any Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP)-authorized public safety answering point (PSAP) that processes 9-1-1 calls for at least three municipalities. Current law limits MERS participation to employees in PSAPs that DESPP designated as the primary point of reception for processing 9-1-1 calls for at least three municipalities.

*House Amendment "A" deletes provisions in the original bill (File 355) that create the Public Employee Health Plan.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 7 Nay 3 (03/19/2013)

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 9 Nay 7 (04/17/2013)